

SUMMARY OF
The St. Louis Republic
Wednesday, December 13, 1903.

THE WEATHER.

CLOUDY, COOL TO-DAY.

Forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Increasing clouds and cooler, with probable rain or snow to-day; variable winds, shifting to northerly.

Per Missouri: Fair and colder to-day; fair to-morrow.

Yesterday's Conditions.

Weather—Partly cloudy. Temperature—Maximum, 45 degrees, minimum, 30 degrees. Wind—Direct, from west to north; maximum velocity, 18 miles an hour at 2 p. m. Precipitation—None. Humidity—Maximum, 66 per cent at 2 p. m. Stage of the river, 2.6 feet at 2 p. m.

Barometer, 750; sunset, 4:20; length of day, 10 hours 12 minutes; moon, quarter, December 12, new moon, December 20.

Forecast for Near-By States.

Washington, Dec. 12, Forecast: Arkansas—Rain and colder Wednesday. Thursday fair.

Eastern Texas—Rain Wednesday and colder except in extreme south portion. Thursday fair; fresh north wind.

Illinois and Indiana—Fair Wednesday, except rain in extreme south portion, colder, Thursday fair, fresh north wind to west winds.

Kansas—Fair Wednesday, Thursday fair, warmer.

Nebraska—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Clearing and colder Wednesday, Thursday fair.

Western Texas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

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POLICE ARREST TEN
AND RECOVER MUCH
STOLEN PROPERTY

Chiefs Kiely and Desmond Believe They Have Corralled Gang That Has Been Stealing All Over City.

BOY WATCHED FOR THIEVES.

Valuable Jewelry Taken From John Pope's Residence Found in Former Convict's Room.

HAD DEPUTY SHERIFF'S BADGE.

Desmond Shouts "I Knew It" When He Sees Star-Eight Men and Women Caught in One House.



ALFRED MEYER.

One of the band charged with many burglaries.

RECORD OF POLICE.

IN ROBBERY CASES.

Detectives under Chief Desmond arrest Harry Wiegmann and Alfred Meyer, Wiegmann confessing that he and Meyer have been implicated in a dozen robberies.

Police recover all the jewelry stolen from the residence of John Pope, at No. 124 Benton street, last Tuesday afternoon.

Fourth District officers arrest eight persons suspected of robbery, compelling all the prisoners in a house wherein was found clothing, identified as that stolen by burglars last Sunday night.

Detectives Doolley and Stoops arrest James Pawcett, a notorious pickpocket and purse-snatcher, who stole a pocketbook from Miss Emma Pont.

Charles Samps, a burglar, is convicted and sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary in Judge Reynolds' court.

RECOVER STOLEN JEWELRY.

In ten persons arrested yesterday in connection with robberies recently committed in St. Louis Chief Desmond believes that the department has corralled the criminals who have been pilfering residences in every part of St. Louis.

Harry Wiegmann, a 16-year-old boy, arrested with Alfred Meyer, a former convict and an habitual workhouse inmate, at No. 124 North Seventh street, confessed to Chief Desmond, yesterday afternoon, that Meyer and a thief, whose name he does not know, robbed the home of John Pope at No. 124 Benton street last Tuesday afternoon, while he kept watch on the outside.

Wiegmann also told the police that he and Meyer have been implicated in at least a dozen robberies in North and South St. Louis. He said that they had avoided the West End because of the announcement that the police were watching this part of the city more closely.

RECOVER STOLEN JEWELRY.

In the room in which Meyer and Wiegmann were arrested Detectives Tom Kiely, John J. McCarthy and Patrick Murphy, and Special Officer A. J. Geraghty found two gold watches, two gold neckties, a pair of pocket knives and three gold rings, all of which answered unmistakably the description of the jewelry stolen from the home of Mr. Pope.

Meyer has served a term in the Penitentiary for robbery and he has been sentenced to the Workhouse on three occasions for petty larceny.

When arrested at the Four Courts the police found concealed in the lining of Meyer's coat a Deputy Sheriff's badge.

"I knew it," shouted Desmond, when he saw this badge.

"I knew it," people report that they have been held up by Detectives. There is the sort of detective that holds a people up. An ex-convict, an ex-workhouse prisoner, and an all-around thief, carrying a Deputy Sheriff's badge."

EIGHT SUSPECTS CAUGHT.

Within a few hours of the house where Wiegmann and Meyer were captured Sergeant Hayes and Patrolmen Malone and Wiseman yesterday found eight persons, five men and three women, who were arrested and locked up at the Fourth District Station.

The house is at No. 124 North Seventh street, and is occupied by Mrs. Johanna Beckman, who made a confession to the police implicating the other prisoners in burglary.

In the house the police found several overcoats and three pairs of trousers, which were identified as property stolen from the clothing store of Maurice Hecht, at No. 1410 Olive street, last Sunday night.

The men arrested by Sergeant Hayes and Patrolmen Malone and Wiseman are Thomas O'Hearn, John Burns and John Healy, all former convicts; Peter Wilson and James Gillon. The women are Mrs. Beckman, Della O'Hearn and Margaret O'Hearn. All the prisoners live in the Fourth District.

GENERAL RUSSIAN
STRIKE DEFERRED

Workmen's Council Refuses to Order Move, Arguing That the Time Is Not Propitious.

ARMED UPRISING PLANNED.

Resolution Declares It the Sacred Duty of All Artisans to Work to That End and When Equipped to Rebel.

REFUGEES RELATE NEW MASSACRE OF JEWS.

Vienna, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse from Bucharest, Roumania, says:

"Reports received here through refugees declare that since Sunday the town of Elisabethgrad, Russia, has been burning, and that a mob has been killing and plundering in the Jewish quarters. A movement is proceeding to Elisabethgrad from Kishineff to restore order there."

ST. PETERSBURG, Monday, Dec. 12.—(Morning)—Via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 12.—Caution having prevailed over the fury aroused by the arrest of the strike leaders, the Workmen's Council has rejected the proposition to order a general strike at present, as untimely, and has decided that the workmen should bide their time patiently until all the preparations are complete.

PREPARE FOR STRIKE.

The resolution, however, declared that it was the sacred duty of all artisans to carry on the work begun by the arrested leaders, of equipping and preparing the fighting legions of workmen for an armed uprising, adding: "In the name of the future proletariat we refuse to make any active protest at present."

A triumphant march will guide the Workmen's Council. The Government, on Saturday, arrested the most brainy men of the organization, and the remaining delegates, not having sufficient confidence in any of their number, chose an Executive-Committee of three to guide the policy of the council until events bring forth a worthy successor.

COSACKS DISAFFECTED.

The sentiment of the workmen's delegates, which was extremely depressed, has been somewhat raised by the receipt of a dispatch from Moscow, claiming that the revolutionary propaganda has finally gained most of the hearts of the Cosacks. The third squadron of the First Regiment of Don Cosacks is reported to have held a meeting, and to have drawn up service demands, claiming that the men are fed like dogs and shabbily clothed. The Government officials were forced to deprive the soldiers of their rifles and lances. This is the first sign of disaffection on the part of the Cosacks.

FOREIGN TELEGRAMS TIED UP.

The post and telegraph situation is steadily ameliorating, though no wires are working to points outside of Russia and telegraphic communication with the interior is very faulty. Many of the striking operators have lost heart, owing to the news from Moscow that the leaders, when arrested, were indulging in an expensive supper at a popular Moscow restaurant in company with women strikers, and spending the strike funds lavishly on champagne and expensive cigars and liquors.

POPE ADVISES POLAND TO ASSIST THE CZAR.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Pope has issued a most important encyclical addressed to the Bishops of Russian Poland, recommending the Poles to co-operate in the pacification of the Empire, obey their rulers, and avoid sedition.

The Pope says he is preoccupied by the grave crisis in Poland, and will try to contribute to its complete pacification.

The Pope renders homage to the wisdom and goodness of Emperor Nicholas, who, by the ukase of April 30, granted freedom of conscience, giving happiness to many souls. This concession was confirmed and amplified by the ukase of October 30, the clergy must assist those who wish to embrace Catholicism.

THE PONTIFF CONCLUDES WITH EXHORTING THE POLES TO AVOID SEDITION.

The Pontiff concludes with exhorting the Poles to avail themselves of the rights of citizenship and with loyalty and diligence to contribute to the progressive amelioration of Russian Poland, assuring them that he will constantly use his influence with the Emperor, and the Government, for the religious and moral good of the Polish population.

PERKINS TO TENDER RESIGNATIONS TO-DAY?

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 12.—George W. Perkins to-morrow will tender his resignation both as vice president of the New York Life and as chairman of the Finance Committee of the corporation.

The report so long current in financial circles that Mr. Perkins would leave the New York Life was confirmed to-day by official quarters.

The Republic's informant added that Mr. Perkins would resign from the office he had held at to-morrow's meeting of the Board of Directors.

It was said to-day that John A. McCall has not repaid the \$25,000 he advanced to "Judge" Andrew Hamilton.

It was added that Mr. McCall will wait for the report of the company's secretary, who is conferring with Hamilton, before he makes good his promise to the trustees, made on October 1.

PATENT ISSUED
ON ST. LOUIS'S
CLEAR WATER!

Question Arises, Will Chemist Wexford, Who Discovered [Clarification Process, Get Royalty From City?

PAPERS DUE HERE TO-MORROW

Attorney Notified of Grant, and May Take Matter Into Courts.

COMMISSIONER ADKINS' VIEWS.

Official Says City Should Be Exempt From Paying Tribute Because Wexford Is an Employee—Chemist Differs.

VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT ARE WIDELY DIFFERENT.

Water Commissioner Adkins—inasmuch as Mr. Wexford was in the employ of the city at the time of his discovery and made his experiments while in the pay of the city, St. Louis should not be compelled to pay him any royalty for permission to use the process which has purified and cleared the water.

City Chemist Wexford—made the experiments and made the discovery at my own laboratory on the city's water, and which I was not at work for the city. Therefore, I do not consider that I am in any way indebted to the city of St. Louis for the discovery.

Advices were received from Washington yesterday that letter patents would be granted at once to John Wexford, the St. Louis chemist, on his process which is now used in clarifying the city's water supply.

James A. Carr, attorney for Mr. Wexford, stated last night that he had received a notice from the Patent Office, and expected the papers to arrive to-morrow.

WEXFORD'S EXPERIMENTS.

Mr. Wexford, however, did not agree with the Commissioner.

"I did not make the discovery," he said. "On the city's time, but did it in my own laboratory at No. 222 North Ninth street. There it was that all my experiments were conducted and my work for the city for the day. Under the circumstances, I do not believe that I am in any way indebted to the city of St. Louis and I do not see why it should be exempt from payment any more than any other city making use of the system for the clarification of the water. However, the matter is in the hands of my attorney, James A. Carr, and he will be able to say what will be done in the matter."

WEXFORD'S EXPERIMENTS.

Mr. Wexford was graduated from the Washington University in 1897, and at once began making experiments. They were continued until he perfected the system which has given to St. Louis the present clear water supply of the muddy article that it was burdened with previously.

He secured his first employment with the city in 1892 when he was put on the pay roll as an engineer at \$100 a month. He held this position for a short time and then resigned. Later he was again an employee of the city, and was placed on the pay roll as a laborer at \$1 per day. The office of City Chemist was created and his salary was fixed at \$200 a month. It was at this time in 1898 that his process of clarifying the city water in the settling basins was made use of and proved a success.

CRAZED MAN HOLDS WHOLE TOWN AT BAY.

Middletown, Ill., Citizens Unable to Capture Stranger With Gun and Call for Help.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 12.—Morris Allen, a stranger in town, held the entire village of Middletown, in western Logan county, at bay with a gun to-night, and threatened the life of anyone who sought to stop him. He is apparently crazed.

Edward Mahan and Fred Steinkeur hastened to the county seat and secured Sheriff James White, who departed with a posse for the scene to capture the fellow if possible.

The authorities did everything in their power to place the visitor in custody, but were unsuccessful. At the last hour tonight the county officers are trying to disarm and capture Allen without endangering any lives.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES DEPART FOR MIDDLETOWN.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—A special to the State Journal from Lincoln, Ill., to-night states that Sheriff James White and two deputies had departed for Middletown to take charge of a "bad man," a stranger named Morris Allen, who, it was reported, was terrorizing the village.

Allen, it was said, was in the streets, brandishing a big revolver, and threatening to kill anyone who undertook to interfere with him.

KOREAN EMPEROR DECLARES
TREATY WITH JAPAN NULL

Cables Messenger Sent to Roosevelt That It Was Obtained by Force, and That He Will Never Sign Agreement in Its Present Form—Says Disturbances Are Again Likely to Occur—True Version of the Affair, Envoy Asserts, Was Kept a Secret by Representatives of the Mikado.

HOPE IS EXPRESSED THAT ROOSEVELT WILL INTERFERE.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Homer B. Hulbert, the special messenger from the Emperor of Korea, in receipt of a cablegram from Korea, in which the Emperor declares that the agreement between Korea and Japan is null and void because it was obtained by force.

He also declares that he will never sign this agreement in its present form, and that the disturbances which attended the "outrage" on November 17 are likely to occur again.

Concerning the cablegram from the Emperor of Korea Mr. Hulbert said:

"This is the first genuine word that has been received from Korea giving the real attitude of that Government toward the treacherous acts of the Japanese. For several weeks the Emperor was practically in confinement, and Japan gave out the false statement that an amicable agreement had been made."

"This is now proven to be untrue. The agreement was made under duress and at the point of the sword, but the Emperor has at last succeeded in piercing the cordon of Japanese and getting information to the outer world."

"As long as my mission to America is no longer a secret, I may add that the member, anticipating some such act of bad faith on the part of Japan, tried through me to forestall it by lodging an appeal with President Roosevelt."

APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT.

"The object of my coming was surmised, and the coup in Seoul was hastened, so that it occurred on the very day of my arrival in Washington. The Emperor felt certain that if President Roosevelt could be made aware of his sentiments, the American Government would hesitate, and ask a few questions before accepting Japan's statements alone."

"The authorities in Washington were almost immediately notified that this petition was here, but no arrangements were made for its reception until after Japan's statement was accepted and acted upon."

"The object of this cablegram is to disavow any acquiescence in the so-called agreement, and incidentally to call attention to that clause of the treaty between America and Korea, in which the United States definitely promised to use their good offices in case Korea was oppressed or wronged."

"The United States were in full treaty relations with Korea up to the time upon representations of Japan alone, and apparently without consulting Korea, this Government took the lead in cutting off direct diplomatic relations with Korea."

DEMOCRAT ELECTED MAYOR OF BOSTON

Former Congressman John F. Fitzgerald Defeats Three Candidates, Plurality Over Nearest Competitor Being 8,380.

Boston, Dec. 12.—The Democrats were victorious in Boston to-day, electing former Congressman John F. Fitzgerald Mayor over three other candidates. Fitzgerald's plurality over his nearest competitor, Louis A. Frothingham (Rep.), Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, was 8,380.

The vote for Mayor follows:

John F. Fitzgerald (Dem.) 42,126; Louis A. Frothingham (Rep.) 33,746; Henry S. Dewey (Independent Rep.) 11,877; James A. Watson (Citizens and Independent Dem.) 815.

The vote to-day was unusually heavy for a city election, more than \$200 votes being cast out of a total registration of 113,000.

Two years ago Patrick A. Collins, a Democrat, was re-elected by a plurality of more than 30,000. In the recent State election the Democratic gubernatorial candidate carried the city by a plurality of approximately 15,000.

It was evident to-night that Fitzgerald did not receive his full party vote, several strong Democratic districts giving Frothingham a plurality because of factional differences.

To complicate the situation, there were two Republican candidates in the field. Frothingham was the regular party nominee, having defeated Henry S. Dewey in the primaries by a margin of about 300 votes.

Fewer asserted that fraud had been practiced at the polls and declared himself as an independent candidate.

The city declared in favor of liquor license by a large majority.

TWO COACHES TURN OVER.

Three Persons Seriously Hurt in Mississippi Accident.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 12.—In a wreck on the Southern Railway, near Curo, Ala., to-day, three persons were seriously injured, four slightly injured and several others bruised.

The two coaches of the train left the track and went over a ten-foot embankment, turning completely over. Spreading of the rails is said to have caused the accident.



KING OF KOREA.

WOULD BAR RUGBY IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Resolution Presented to Board of Education Aims at Game's Abolition.

FEAR OF PERMANENT INJURY.

Superintendent and Committee on Instruction to Report at Next Meeting — Playing May Be Forbidden.

RESOLUTION CONSIDERED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

It being the opinion of the board that football is morally and physically injurious to the pupils of the high schools; that mutilation of the body, permanent injury and death frequently result from its exercise; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Instruction and the committee on instruction are requested to take into consideration the advisability of forbidding the game of football to be played by pupils of the high schools, and report to the board the result of the meeting.

At the next regular meeting of the School Board the death knell of football in the various high schools in St. Louis may be sounded. The suggestion contained in the foregoing resolution, referred to the Committee of Instruction by the School Board last evening, it is believed, means the passing of the game, so far as educational institutions in St. Louis are concerned.

It is understood that the resolution was offered at the suggestion of Superintendent Solman, who, it is said, has expressed fear of a serious accident occurring in one of the institutions under his supervision.

Each of the high schools in St. Louis has a football team, which takes part in many contests during the football season. So far only a few pupils have been hurt, and their injuries were very slight.

The many fatalities which have occurred during the last few years it is said, have been brought to bear on the School Board, resulting in its action last night.

Action will be taken on the recommendation of the Committee of Instruction and Mr. Solman at the next regular meeting, which will be held on the afternoon of the second Tuesday in January. It is believed that the recommendation will be for the abolition of the game in St. Louis schools.

The recommendation made to the board, it is believed, will be affirmed by all members of the body.

JUDGE FINKELNBURG CONFIRMED BY SENATE.

Wash. Building, 10th and F Streets.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Gustavus A. Finkelburg of St. Louis was to-day confirmed by the Senate as United States Judge of the Eastern District of Missouri without opposition. Rumor of possible objection on account of his age had been current. Senators Warner and Stone of Missouri were on watch in his behalf and the name was passed quickly.

A. S. Van Valkenburg was confirmed as District Attorney of the Western Missouri District and Elmer B. Adams as Judge of the Eighth United States Circuit.

THE OTHER DAY A SOUTH SIDE LADY WANTED A COOK.

She telephoned a small Want Ad to the office of THE REPUBLIC, a simple statement that a cook was wanted.

The next day she surveyed fifty cooks, male, female, white, black, young and old. She looked them over, asked questions, made deliberate choice and now she has a cook of the very best type. And it was such an easy way of getting one.

YOU CAN DO AS WELL, WHATEVER YOUR WANT.

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HARRIMAN MADE
THREAT TO HAMPER
RYAN'S PROJECTS

Majority Stockholder of the Equitable Tells Committee How Director Sought to Secure a Division.

OBJECTED TO THE TRUSTEES.

Said He Would Exert His Influence, Political and Otherwise, and Hinted at Legislative Interference.

INTERVIEW WAS STORMY.

Senator Dryden of Prudential Testifies That His Company Contributed to Republican National Committee Three Times.

BLAIR LITIGATION COST PRUDENTIAL \$25,000.

New York, Dec. 12.—Senator Dryden, president of the Prudential Insurance Company, testifying before the Legislative Insurance Investigating Committee, to-day said it cost his company \$25,000 for the suit growing out of the insurance of Mr. James L. Blair, of St. Louis, who committed suicide. The attempt of the Wisconsin Insurance Commissioner to shut the Prudential out of that State in 1895 cost the company \$25,000, and the company won.

One-fifth of the Blair claim was paid.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 12.—Having decided to answer Mr. Hughes' questions as to what E. H. Harriman said to him in conversation at the time the Hyde-Squibb case was purchased, Thomas F. Ryan appeared before the Insurance Investigating Committee to-day, and admitted that Mr. Harriman threatened to use political influence against him unless he would let him have half of the Hyde stock.

By way of introduction he told the committee he had done nothing to answer the questions because District Attorney Jerome said he ought to do so. He assured the investigators, and Mr. Hughes, that he had meant no disrespect on Friday.

When Mr. Hughes had repeated the inquiry as to what Mr. Harriman said about the Hyde stock, Mr. Ryan replied that Mr. Harriman said to him with an objection to the purchase as arranged. Mr. Harriman, he continued, wanted to share in the deal, because of his interests it affected. His appeal included the assertion that Mr. Ryan ought not to keep him out, and he also expressed his objection to the plan of Harriman's trustees Grover Cleveland, George Washington and Justice Morran J. O'Brien.

Mr. Ryan said that Mr. Harriman desired to participate in the management of the company, but did not say why he considered it a mistake to name trustees, nor did he give in detail the reason why he thought Mr. Ryan should give him a share in the deal.

He simply demanded half the stock, and he insisted that, if trustees were to be named, he should name two additional trustees. The only reason he gave for his demands, continued Mr. Ryan, was that he had been active in trying to straighten out the Hyde-Squibb troubles. Then he threatened to throw all his influence, of whatever kind, against Mr. Ryan, if the latter should refuse his demands.

"Didn't he say that his political influence would be against you?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Ryan, hesitatingly. He admitted that Mr. Harriman referred to probable legislative interference.

Later Mr. Ryan recalled that Mr. Harriman definitely promised to use his influence in the matter as a retaliation for a refusal to let him have half the Hyde stock. Further, Mr. Harriman had warned him that his influence would be important in case of "legislative action."

"You didn't want Mr. Harriman for a partner?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"I didn't want anybody for a partner."

The interviews with Harriman were three in number, as the witness remembered. Whatever Mr. Harriman had said was said in the presence of Eliza Root and Paul D. Cravath, who were Mr. Ryan's lawyers.

"In speaking of your influence against you, Mr. Harriman mentioned the word 'political,' didn't he?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"He did at one point," replied the witness.

"There was one conversation at which Mr. Root and Mr. Cravath were not present," said Mr. Ryan, "but on that occasion Mr. Harriman said practically nothing in addition to what he had said before the lawyers."

When Mr. Hughes asked if Mr. Harriman threatened not to let anybody get control of the Equitable unless he could prevent it, he did not like to speak of these matters. But he added:

"Our conversation was rather strenuous, Mr. Hughes."

Further questions elicited the admission that Mr. Harriman had signified his intention not to allow anyone to get the Equitable stock if he could prevent it.

It was evident from his subsequent replies that he was pleased over the recollection that Mr. Harriman had not been able to prevent the deal.

As Mr. Ryan left the witness stand, Senator Armstrong thanked him for returning voluntarily, instead of making it necessary for the committee to appeal to the courts. He complimented Mr. Ryan on taking the attitude he had taken, adding that the committee appreciated his feeling about narrating private conversations with another man.

PRUDENTIAL IN POLITICS.

United States Senator John F. Dryden of New Jersey, president of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America, was on the witness stand all the remainder of the day.

He testified that his company paid \$25,000.

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